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1. RECENT COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS INSTITUTED FOR ARA POSTS MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT ADDITIONAL FSL CLERK-TYPIST POSITION BE AUTHORIZED LA PAZ COMMERCIAL SECTION. PRESENT FSL ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL STAFF OF FOUR SERVES FOUR OFFICERS INCLUDING COMATT. OF THESE FOUR ONLY ONE QUALIFIED AS TYPIST AND WORKLOAD FOR OTHER ECON OFFICERS IS SUCH THAT SHE CANNOT RPT NOT HANDLE COMATT TYPING.

2. MAJOR AREAS OF ACTIVITY FOR FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1973 AND 1974 REFLECT FOLLOWING INCREASE:

	1973	1974
A. OUTGOING WTDRS	21	79
B. US VISITORS	31	75
C. LOCAL VISITORS	214	254
D. ADS	3	13
E. PRIVATE TRADE OPP- ORTUNITIES	14	62
F. GOB TENDERS	3	13

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3. TRADE PROMOTION REQUIRES ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF

COMMERCIAL SECTION. PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF NEW COMATT, LOCAL MEMBERS SELDOM LEFT OFFICE TO PROMOTE US COMMERCIAL SERVICES. FROM MARCH 1-27 VISITS TO PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FIRMS TOTALED 72. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP STAFF BUSY ON OUTSIDE WITH PROMOTIONAL WORK WHEN THERE IS INSUFFICIENT CLERICAL HELP TO TAKE CARE OF RESULTING PAPERWORK. CANNOT RPT NOT STRESS TOO STRONGLY NEED FOR THIS ADDITIONAL FSL POSITION. FEEL GREAT US COMMERCIAL GAINS CAN BE MADE IN BOLIVIA AND FULL INTENT OF CAP REALIZED WITH ADEQUATE HELP. WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC AUTHORIZATION ON THIS ESSENTIAL FSL POSITION.

4. POST HAS REVIEWED ITS PROGRAM POSITIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FREE SOME OTHER POSITION FOR COMMERCIAL ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER REDUCTION OF TWO PROGRAM POSITIONS THIS POST BY DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY HAS ALREADY REDUCED STAFFING TO ABSOLUTE BARE MINIMUM. STEDMAN

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